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Oxford University
Oxford Miss.
Nov. 15th 1870.

Dear Father,

Yesterday's mail
favored me with Your welcome let-
ter of the 4th inst. - being your first-
monthly I have received since my
arrival here; and I assure you I
enjoyed its contents very much. I
presume your building, planting in-
terests &c, must keep you very busy
and in consequence of which have
but little to write letters, which
Ma does for you and her both.
As Mr Embury has become owner of
a plantation, in all probability you
will give up farming, will you not?
and devote yourself exclusively to the
store. You suggest that I may have been
careless in regard to the delivery of my letters

of introduction; and I would state
that I have called upon Mr. Vicer two
or three times but have never suc-
ceeded in finding him at home;
I see that it looks very bad in retain-
ing the letter so long but can't very well
avoid it. I called on the Wheats
Yesterday afternoon, the Prof. was not
at home, but his lady was, and enter-
tained me very agreeably for a half an
hour or so, being quite chitzy and un-
tidy in her appearance, I did ^{not} form so
good an opinion as I might have done.
I gave General Sparrow's kind letter
to Dr. Little, who invited ^{me} to his house
that he might introduce me to his
wife, and altogether left a very good
impression on me. I had to pay the
Fees for the whole term, that is I have
^{settled} up to June, in regard to board I hand
the amount of that over every month
myself to Mrs. Dobbin. I have almost

come to the conclusion that "Oxford" is healthier than "West- Chester", my reasons are based upon my great ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ flesh. I was sorry to learn that La had gone Radical, it seems like the yoke will never be lifted from the neck of the good old State.

While I write you can imagine me sitting near my room mate, who is hard at work reading "Agricola," (Latin) with a coal oil lamp between us and a magnificent wood fire in the place. The only reason I had for going to the Methodist Sunday School was that Dr Garland had a class there, and I thought I could learn more ^{from} him than the majority of teachers. But I think I will change next Sabbath. I suppose you know I have some idea of coming home Christmas there is time for that yet though. Well, I believe I have

answered all your questions and
as I want to write ^{to} Willie Bernard
tonight I will close, with the great-
est love for you, Ma, & Gma.

Your affect. son
F. Robt. Bernard

P.S.

Ma wrote me in a former letter
that Miss Anna S wanted to know
if I knew Mr. Clare. Yes I do, as
kind hearted simple fellow, but nothing
more.

I forgot to send kind regards to Mr. Janin
and enquiring friends.
F.